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1. On 23 June 1949 Bulgarian political refugees in Beirut met to elect five members and two substitute members to a new sub-committee of the Bulgarian National Committee. The following persons were elected:

Stephan Serbakov - President
Alexandra Dobrich - Vice-President
Alexei Zamfirov - Treasurer
Nedko Etinov - Secretary
Zhivko Georgiev - Member

Elected as substitutes were Zina Yakovleva-Strzyzhevski and Mancio Kolev. Mircho Konstantinov, the temporary representative in Beirut of the Bulgarian National Committee, lost to Mancio Kolev.

2. During the meeting, which was attended by Nicola Knezevich and Leslaw Rencki (the President and Secretary, respectively, of the Beirut Internarium organization), Zhivko Georgiev resigned from Internarium so that the new Bulgarian sub-committee could elect a delegate to represent it in that organization; Serbakov was proposed and accepted.
3. Nedko Etinov was appointed as the liaison officer between the new committee, the IRO, and the Lebanese Sûreté Générale.
4. Source states that this new Bulgarian committee was formed on the initiative of Stephan Serbakov, with the agreement of Nicola Knezevich, as a countering move to that of Sigmund Zawadowski, London Polish Minister to Lebanon, who had attempted to create a schism in Internarium through the formation of a committee headed by Mircho Konstantinov.

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